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Agriculture



Ruby Red

Double Red Delicious. Claimed to have originated from bud sport. Gets ripe three weeks ahead of the first Delicious. Highly colored. The trees come into bearing in three years. As fine quality as the other Delicious but three weeks earlier. A very profitable tree to plant.

FITZGERALD NURSERY

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The Western Ranch Nursery

"Where the Quest for the Best Ends"

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FRUIT TREES RECO

Asparagus

For many years I had an idea that asparagus needed to be grown in a moist climate, that it would not grow in Texas. I found that it would stand as much dry weather as any kind of plant I know. It comes up in the early spring when fresh vegetables are scarce and high. After fresh asparagus is once known it is always preferred to the canned product. An acre of asparagus in some places is worth five hundred dollars. If you can only set a few plants they are ornamental and will grow most anywhere by the barn fence in any out of the way place.

We have two good kinds. Palmetto has been grown in the South, and Martha Washington, the new kind that is proving very popular.



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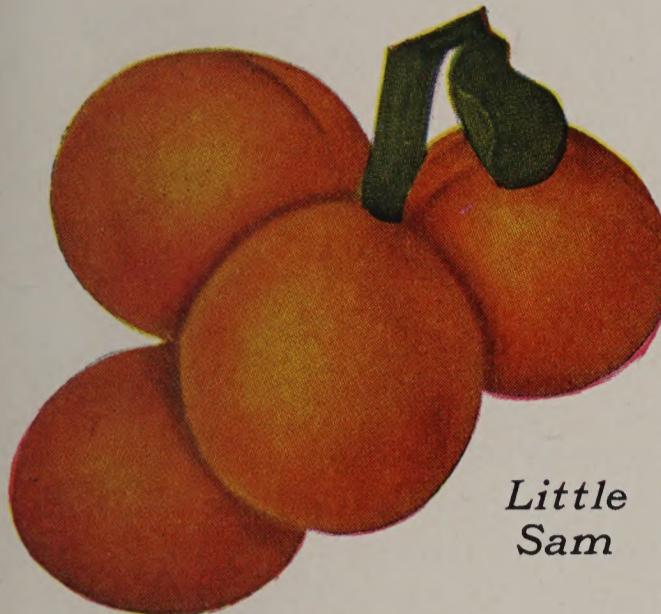


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Apricots

LITTLE SAM

Apricots average size, deep yellow. Bear in great clusters on the tree and have no objectionable fiber of any kind. It makes a pretty tree and worth its room for shade but will doubly repay any one with its great loads of golden fruit. Gets ripe about

middle of June. Excellent for fresh eating and canning.

BORDER QUEEN

A pale yellow apricot, red cheek, luxuriant growth. Originated in Western Kansas out where the wind blows and the coyotes howl. When we first read an account of this apricot I felt sure it would do well in Texas and I have not been disappointed. Have had it in bearing now ten years and has only missed one or two crops in this time. Medium early and extra quality. Larger than Little Sam.



Early Wonder Blackberry

This berry originated here on a place I now own. It is large, nearly seedless, very delicious, easily picked since the vines are practically thornless. The finest of all berries for canning. The most productive of all berries. The vines the first year set will run on the ground like a dewberry. The second year they begin to get off the ground. The tips of the plant vines will root like a dewberry if covered up, this giving the impression that it is a dew-blackberry cross. While Early Wonder has its faults, it gets too soft in wet weather; with all this it is the best berry so far found. It has been renamed more than any other berry. Carried to California it is whooped under the name Texas Wonder. You will see it under many other names and at a higher price than I sell the plants but you will get the Early Wonder and nothing else when you buy these plants no matter where they claim it originated. The Early Wonder plant is being planted on a big scale in California for the juice. One man who whoops the Boysen berry has twenty-five acres of Wonder. He sells Boysen berry plants but when he wants real fruit production he plants Wonder. This berry is doing well everywhere tried.

GERALD'S NURSERY.



Sapa

Plums

SAPA

One of the hardiest and quickest bearing plums on the market. The plums are blue with deep red flesh. Makes the finest of pies.

X SUPREME

A large heart-shaped plum that gets ripe in August and is never affected by the late frost. It has a way of bearing all the plums next to the body of the tree which adds to its value as they are not blown off by the high winds. The most brilliant colored plum ever found. Healthy, vigorous, fruit never subject to brown rot. Trees grow in perfect form, therefore never need pruning.

AMERICA

Very large yellow. Fine for market, canning, and preserves. Very thrifty tree. One of the most profitable of all plums. Needed in every orchard.

Supreme



—“Where the Quest for Pears

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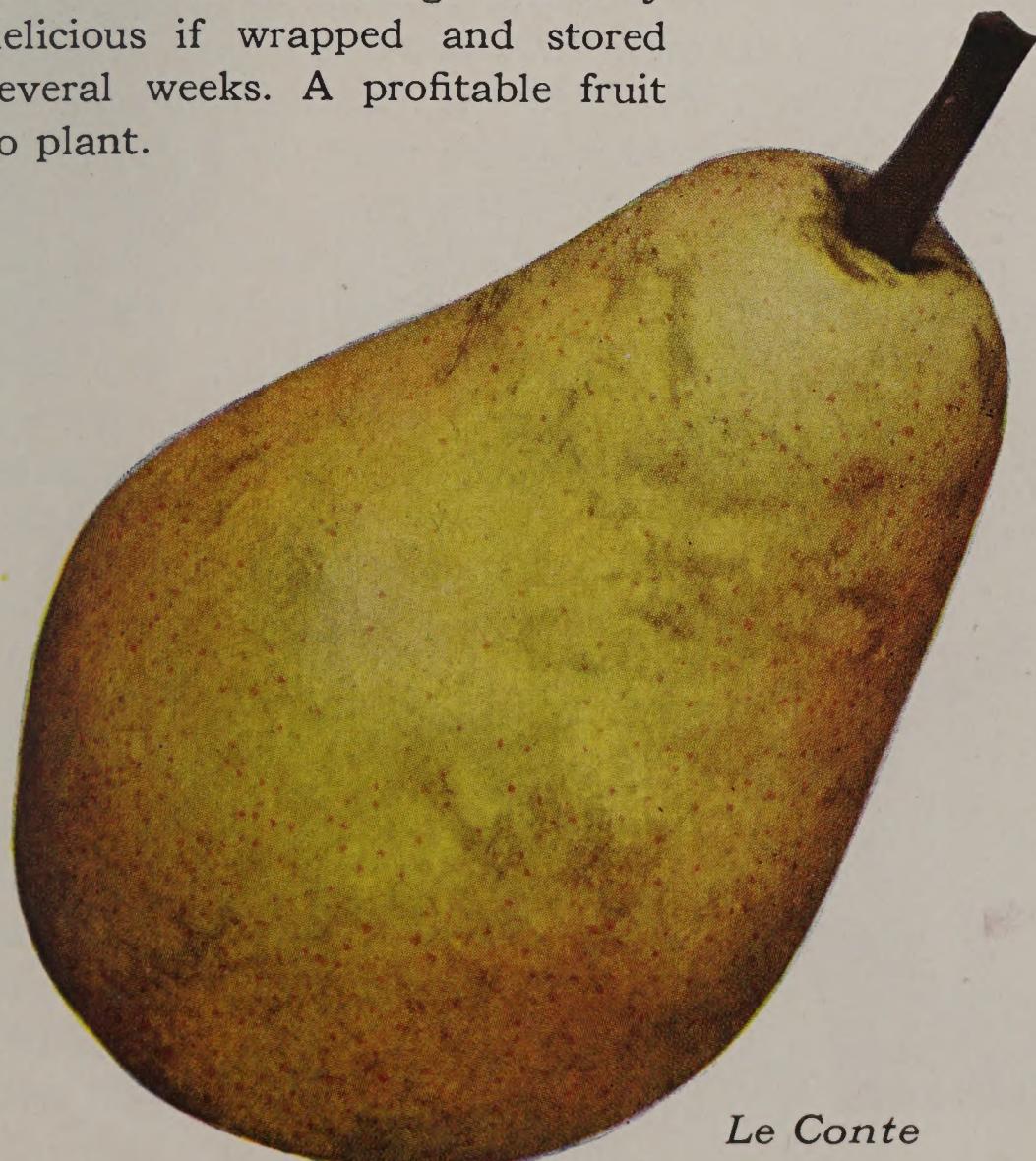
A pear that I have been growing in my orchard for a decade or two and for some reason has been overlooked up until the past two or three years. The nearest thing to a Bartlett I have ever found and more hardy. Doesn't blight and can be grown all over the South. Very vigorous tree. Fine for eating right off the tree or cooking.

DOUGLAS

Blight proof. The Douglas Pear in most cases bears the next year after planting. The quality, far superior to any in the country, and blight resisting power of the Douglas makes it easily the "PEER OF PEARS."

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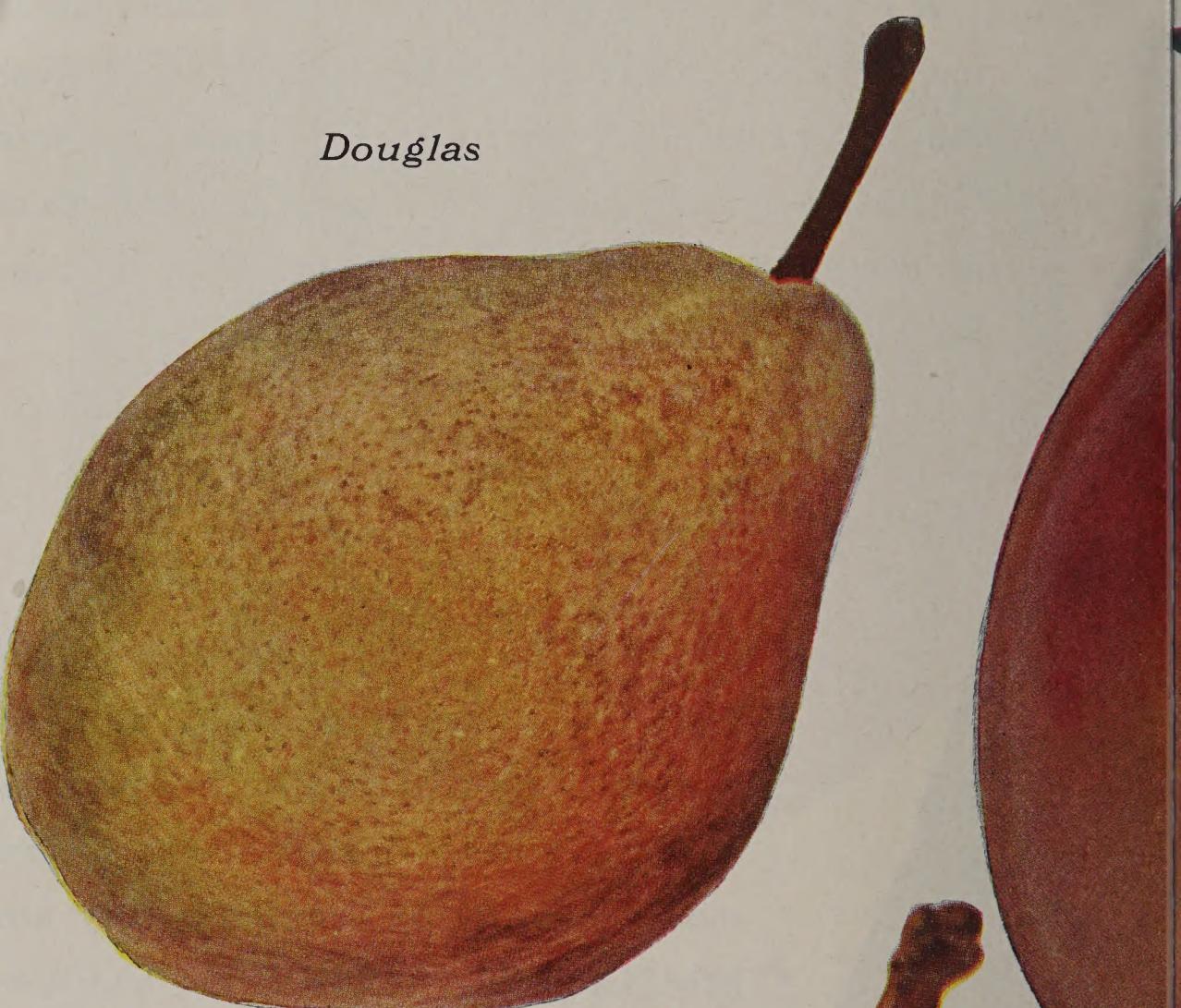
A nation-wide favorite, especially profitable in the South. Trees often bear fifteen bushels to the tree. Vigorous growing tree, fruit can be hauled thousands of miles without damage and very delicious if wrapped and stored several weeks. A profitable fruit to plant.



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the Best Ends"—STEP

Douglas



Keiffer

HENVILLE, TEXAS

Beauty Peach



Beauty

Sold under half a dozen different names such as Murray, Fair, and claimed to be patented by one party as a Burbank creation. The proper name is Beauty. One of the most profitable big yellow free stone peaches ever planted. Often bears six bushels to the tree and sold season 1937 at \$1.50 per bushel. Good for canning. Is doing extra good in Oklahoma and Arkansas. We are enthusiastic about this peach.

SALBERTA

A good peach to follow the Elberta. When trees are young they bear the largest peach ever grown but as trees get older bear more peaches and smaller. A yellow freestone with red cheek, ripening around the 15th of August. A good market peach and extra hardy.



South Haven

Elberta

Most so called Elberta trees now sold are run out. We went to the old original tree for our first Elberta. We have one of these trees in our orchard that was planted in 1900 and still going strong. The peaches on young Elberta trees are easily killed by frost but as the tree gets older it gets to be a sure bearer. Very little needs to be said for the Elberta. When you think of a fine peach in fact the finest of all peaches think of the old original Elberta.

South Haven

A brilliant yellow and red, early free stone. Great money maker wherever planted. Stands more frost than any other peach save one. Bears when all others fail. Inclined to overbear. The biggest peaches raised in Dallas county was South Haven. High quality, thrifty growing tree.

+ Surprise

Good growing tree extremely hardy, seldom misses a crop. White as snow with brilliant red cheek. A sensation among peaches. Not bothered by cotton moths because too firm when they are here. Gets ripe last of October and first of November will often stay on trees until December first. Fine for pickles, canning, preserves, and market.



Elberta



Hale Haven

A new peach sent out several years ago by the Michigan Experiment Station. And proving to be a winner. I have had this tree to fruit in my orchard for the past three years. Is a cross between the J. H. Hale and the South Haven. A much hardier peach than the J. H. Hale.

As big as Hale and about two weeks earlier ripening than the Elberta. A big yellow freestone peach. Good shipper and canning peach. Makes a vigorous growing tree and does not have to be cross pollinated like the J. H. Hale. Frost resistant.



Early Rose

Fine thrifty tree. Ripe June fifteenth. White cling. Brilliant red cheek. Likely the hardest peach in the world. Like Surprise inclined to overbear. Often has to be thinned. Market and canning.



King David

A cross between Jonathan and Winesap giving it the very highest breeding. Trees grow into perfect shape with very little pruning. The apples are medium size and grow well distributed over the trees. The apples are such a lively intense red that no one can pass a basket of these apples without being attracted to them. Gets ripe in the fall and will keep for weeks in ordinary storage. After being off the trees a few days becomes excellent quality. The trees are fast growers and begin bearing at three years, sometimes two.

Smoke House or Bledsoe

An outstanding apple for the South. A tree set and well taken care of will often bear the second year. The apples are very large, flat, striped. Owing to the fact that it comes in when fruit is usually scarce it sells good. It is fine for cooking. A large Smoke House apple baked and with sugar and butter is fine enough for any one. They will always sell.

Golden Delicious

Trees, upright growers. The apples are large golden yellow with red cheeks. Looks like it is a cross between Grimes Golden and Maiden's Blush. This apple grown near Goldthwaite and boxed, sold during the Dallas Fair at \$3.00 per bushel making the grower \$6.00 per

tree from five-year-old trees. The trees are inclined to over bear and Mr. Durham of Comanche County thinned his apples and sold the ones he took off the trees for \$1 per bushel. Gets ripe when apples are scarce. A good apple for market. Fine for cooking. Fine to pollinate other apples. Wonderful keeper.

Delicious

I have had this apple growing on my place for many years. The trees grow upright and a little inclined to lean. The growth is dark, very thrifty. The apples have the peculiar five points. The quality fine. It is the leading apple all over the country. My trees are propagated from bearing trees here in my orchard and you will be sure to get the genuine. The blooms of the Delicious will pollinate other apples but not themselves. For this reason you will always need other apples planted near them and I recommend the Jonathan and Smokehouse as one of the best pollenators. Market, eating, and cooking.

Jonathan

A tree that is well adapted to the South. Makes a light growth and bears quickly. Apples large, red, fine quality. One man planted fifty acres in this county. It has proved very profitable. Summer market. Excellent to plant as pollinator for Delicious or any other apple.



Jonathan